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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 11418

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, IN, US

SUBJECT: MRS. GANDHI ON MEET THE PRESS

1. PRIME MINISTER GANDHI WAS INTERVIEWED HERE FOR MEET THE PRESS ON AUGUST 19. HER PERFORMANCE WAS LACKLUSTER AT BEST AND FREQUENTLY INEPT. AMERICAN CRITICS WILL NOTE SHE WAFFLED ON QUESTIONS ON RESTORING INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS, RELEASING POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND THE POWERS OF THE COURTS. SHE TACITLY ADMITTED THERE WAS NO BASIS IN CRIMINAL LAW FOR THE DETENTION OF THE OPPOSITION. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE NUMBER OF DETAINEES WAS NOTHING LIKE 60,000. SHE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO PREVENTATIVE DETENTION AS ONE OF THE PROCEDURES "WE HAVE USED" IN INDIA. SHE WOULD NOT SAY WHEN ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD. IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION HA O THE CIA OR ANY US GOVERNMENT AGENCY PLAYED A ROLE IN THE SITUATION LEADING TO THE EMERGENCY, SHE CRITICIZED THE US PRESS AND OBSERVED, "SOMETIMES THERE ARE PRESENCES YOU CANNOT PROVE."

2. WE EXPECT THE SHOW TO BE TELEVISED SUNDAY AUGUST 24.

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